GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PACKAGED FOODS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that while packaged foods are now carrying the green/red dots most product do not list their contents;

(b) if so, whether type of emulsifiers used are also not listed; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure the such information are printed on packaged foods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a) to (c): As per the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, every package of food shallcarry a label and unless otherwise provided in these rules, there shall inter-alia be specified the name of ingredients used in the product in descending order of their composition by weight or volume as the case may be including displaying symbol in green colour for vegetarian food and brown colour for non-vegetarian food, class title of food additives such as emulsifying and stabilizing agents. The non-compliance of the provision of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955made there under attracts the penal provisions. The State Government who are implementing the PFA Act have been advised to strictly enforce the provisions of the PFA Act.